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B.A. IN COMMUNICATIONS - PRE-PROFESSIONAL SPEECH PATHOLOGY B.S. IN ECONOMICS

STAFF ANALYSIS

Louisiana State University-Shreveport has made two requests to the Board of Regents for termination of existing academic programs: the B.A. in Communications - Pre-Professional Speech Pathology and the B.S. in Economics. Over the past several years, neither of these programs have enrolled or graduated sufficient numbers of students to justify their continued maintenance. Further, recent changes in faculty composition within the College of Business have reduced the size of the Economics faculty needed to offer a quality program.

STAFF SUMMARY

The staff concurs with the University's rationale for program terminations. The staff commends LSU-S for the self-review which led to these requests.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs grant approval for requests from Louisiana State University-Shreveport to terminate the existing B.A. in Communications - Pre-Professional Speech Pathology (CIP Code 51.0204) and B.S. in Economics (CIP Code 52.0601) programs, effective immediately.

AGENDA ITEM V B

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UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE

**REQUEST TO REINSTATE THE B.A. IN ART AND A TEACHING
MINOR PROGRAM**

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REQUEST TO REINSTATE THE B.A. IN ART AND A TEACHING MINOR PROGRAM

STAFF COMMENT

In April 2002, the University of Louisiana at Monroe requested, and the Board of Regents approved, the termination of its B.A. program in Art and a Teaching Minor program. The request was granted because the program was not graduating sizeable numbers of students and it was anticipated that new certification requirements for Art Teachers would shortly be approved which would result in a vastly different program design. Since then however there have been unforeseen delays in the development of these new certification requirements; at the same time, the number of students who need to matriculate through the former curriculum in order to be eligible to teach is growing.

STAFF ANALYSIS

The staff notes that the Board of Regents does not normally consider requests for reinstatement once a program has been formally terminated. In such cases, the Regents usually require consideration of a completely new program proposal. However, this is an unusual circumstance wherein Art Education students, who are in short supply within the University's service area, are being unduly hindered in the pursuit of their profession due to bureaucratic issues beyond their control.

It is relevant to note that reinstatement of this program should be effective only until new Art Education certification requirements have been developed. Once this has been accomplished, then ULM will be required to seek both Board of Regents program approval and BESE certification for a new, redesigned Art Education program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Students Affairs Committee reinstate the B.A. in Art and a Teaching Minor program (CIP Code 13.1302) at the University of Louisiana at Monroe for a limited period of time while new state requirements for Art Education certification are being developed. Once new state requirements for Art Education certification have been promulgated, the University shall seek both Board of Regents approval and Board of Elementary and Secondary Education certification for a new, redesigned Art Education program.

